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CRUSHING DEFEAT FOR RUSSIA.

Victorious Japanese Army Triumphantly Entered Mukden This Morning-- Frantic People Crowd the Churches in St. Petersburg--Terrific Fighting--Rojestvensky Will Probably Return.

Tokio, Mar. 10--11 a. m.--The following telegram has been received from the Manchurian headquarters in the field. In the direction of Singching for some days our force has been attacking the enemy who is making a stubborn resistance in strong positions. Finally, in the neighborhood of Tielu, our force, at three o'clock Thursday morning, completely dislodged the enemy whom they are now pursuing. Our force in the vicinity of Manchun continues in hot pursuit of the enemy toward Fushun. In the direction of the Shakhe and east and south of Mukden, we entirely pressed the enemy to the bank of the Hun River. We stopped on the left bank, attacking the enemy's strong fortifications west and north of Mukden. Our attack against the enemy, who is obstinately resisting, is being pushed vigorously. A heavy dust storm obscured the sun Thursday and as a consequence the darkness precluded seeing any distance.

Woe in St. Petersburg. St. Petersburg, March 10--2.10 p. m.--The extent of the disaster to General Kuropatkin's army is as yet unknown here, but the most sinister reports receive credence, and the public believes that Field Marshal Oyama has succeeded in closing the Russian wire entanglements before the Russians were able to retreat.

Communication with Mukden is apparently cut, as no word has arrived dated later than yesterday at five in the afternoon, when the situation was reported as follows: The Japanese rear guard, and the thousands who were fighting on the Japanese assault almost at the walls of the city west and north of Mukden, was desperate.

Even from the east, General Kuraki pushed through until Fu Pass, less than eight miles east of where the Hun bends sharply to the northward, was under the Japanese guns. The fighting in the west was then only 12 miles wide, and nothing but a miracle, in the opinion of many experts, could then have saved the situation.

To make matters worse, General Nogai's left, west of the railroad, and General Kamaev's army on the east were reported, by forced marching, to be ready to throw themselves across the Russian line of retreat. All accounts agree that the battle yesterday must have been fought under dreadful conditions. A storm, of hurricane violence, was blowing, concealing friend and foe, while through the opaque fog and the streams of wounded and camp followers plodded northward.

The war office this morning had little consolation to offer to the pitiful inquiries for news. The newspapers are filled with long lists of those killed in the earlier days of the fighting, and the churches are crowded with wives, mothers and sisters praying that their loved ones be spared. At last all classes seem to have joined in the common grief.

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The desperate expedient which the Japanese successfully employed at Dinshantan, when, during the storm, the Japanese lines actually faced about apparently firing into their own reserves, deceiving the Russians, and backing into the Russian wire entanglements before the Russians were able to retreat.

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Its possession was vital to the Japanese, who stormed it again and again. The Russians dislodged them, but the Japanese finally captured the village after much hand to hand fighting. Eye witnesses say the dead scattered in the court yards and houses have been unburied for four days. Rifles and other arms lie about wrenched and twisted. Hand grenades were thrown by the Japanese, and the garrison was subjected to the concentrated fire of as many as a hundred guns. This position once in the hands of the Japanese, they could train guns on Mukden railroad station, and therefore the Russians have been holding it at a frightful cost. The Japanese are also concentrating their efforts at seven miles north of Mukden and about five miles west of the railroad with the object of cutting off the surrounding troops below. A blinding dust storm is raging since daylight and the day promises to witness a most gruesome encounter, the result of which no one here can foresee.

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unsparring of themselves as of the men whom they lead to death. Praised The Japs. Berlin, March 10--Emperor Wilhelm, addressing the naval recruits at Wilhelmshaven yesterday, held up the Japanese soldiers as a luminous example of patriotism and soldierly fidelity.

Protest Against Mines. Pekin, Mar. 10--The chief shipping firms have approached the British authorities of Tien Tsin, representing the danger from floating mines in the gulf of Pechili. The British officials communicated with Yuan Kai Shi, viceroy of Kii province, asking for his co-operation in the work of destruction, suggesting that he send a Chinese man of war to assist Vice-Admiral Noel, in command of the British fleet on the China station, who was communicated with, is

very desirous that all the authorities co-operate as the passage of the northern waters is attended with considerable danger.

Rojestvensky in Trouble. London, Mar. 10--According to the Daily Telegraph a telegram from Vice-admiral Rojestvensky, not yet published states, that four of his warships are incapacitated for firing, because they are too heavily armed and that the problem of coaling has become so difficult that he feared he would be unable to proceed to the Far East.

No further news has reached London concerning Rojestvensky's squadron, but reports are current at Dover that all the ships of the Baltic fleet have been ordered to return to the English channel, pending further instructions.

Steamers for Russia. Berlin, March 10--Hamburg special say the Hamburg American steamship company has again begun to employ crews for the 14 steamers chartered by Russia and is loading coal. The Lokal Anzeiger's Hamburg correspondent says the vessels were to be sent to Russia, but other correspondents say they were chartered.

Assassins Busy. St. Petersburg, March 9--Col. Froglulitsky Governor of the province of Kutais, has been the object of an attempted assassination by two men at Sukhum. The would-be murderers fired six shots from revolvers at the Governor, but he was not struck. The motive of the attempt is believed to have been political.

Peasants Rising. London, March 10--A despatch from Kiev to the Daily Mail says: "An army of 600 peasants from the Orlovka district is advancing south-westerly. Burning and looting of estates is in progress. Eighteen estates have already been sacked. The Mikhaloffsky sugar refinery, belonging to the Tcherkogoff brothers, in the Tcherkogoff government, has been burned, and all the employes have been robbed of their belongings. It is also reported that the peasants have burned the Derugin's refinery, belonging to the Crown. A strong military force has been sent to suppress the rising."

Bouligan Is Tired. London, March 10--The correspondent at St. Petersburg of the Morning Post says that Minister of the Interior Bouligan resigned, but that the Emperor requested him to remain in office and that he consented to retain the portfolio temporarily.

ATTACHED MINING STOCK. O. D. Hanson's Holdings in Kimberley Gold Mine Attached by M. R. & A. It is understood that E. H. Chapman, solicitor for O. D. Hanson, of Fairville, has received notice from Messrs. Tred & Hanson, solicitors for Manchester, Robertson & Allison Ltd., that the latter firm have attached Mr. Hanson's stock in the Kimberley Gold Mining Co. for the amount of their claims. This stock has been held by the Dominion Express Co. Mr. Abbot when approached on the subject, by a Times representative, would not say whether or not his company would take any action, and declined to discuss the matter.

FREDERICTON NEWS. Fredericton, March 10--(Special)--The standing committee of legislation, have not yet been appointed and consequently there was very little stir about the house this morning. It is likely that the list will be completed this afternoon or tomorrow. A meeting of the committee has been called for Monday morning, to vote allowances for the usual services.

THIS EVENING. Hockey match All-St. John vs Seabury in Queen's rink. Fire Stock Company at the Opera House in Hazel Kirke. No. 1 Company Boys' Brigade concert in St. John's Presbyterian church school room. Sea Scouts meet in St. Stephen's church school room, at 8 o'clock.

Constantinople, March 10--Altogether, 32 battalions of Turkish reinforcements, have been called out to cope with the insurrection in the province of Yemen, Arabia.

The case of Turner vs. Morgan for aggravated assault has been further postponed and will come up before Judge Ritchie on Wednesday morning next.

Geo. Seaman of Moncton is registered at the Victoria.

A DISGRACEFUL SCENE. A disgraceful scene took place on Paradise Row last evening between eight and nine o'clock. William Harvey was arrested by Officer Greer, on a charge of drunk and profanity, and violently resisting the police. When brought to court this morning he pleaded not guilty, and was fined \$8 or thirty days on the first charge, and \$16, or two months on the other two.

Previous to his arrest Harvey was with two of his companions, who were evidently trying to take him home. He was using very bad language and threatening to beat every body he met. Officer Greer saw at once that the only course to pursue was to place him under arrest. Harvey put up a hard fight, and the patrolman had all he could do to keep him under control. The sympathy of the crowd, however, was with the offender and the roaring mob who crowded around the officer seemed to exert all their efforts to make hard on his already troublesome task. Presently Sergt. Kilpatrick and another officer came to his assistance. The crowd yelled, and even young girls helped to increase the confusion. One was heard to say "give it to the sergeant." As the officers were taking their prisoner past Fort Howe a large lump of snow was thrown into the middle of the crowd. When Greer reached the north end station he discovered that his hatbag had been stolen, and his clothing was covered with snow and sand.

In court this morning the magistrate severely reprimanded Harvey for having used bad language. The public might be saved from witnessing many such scenes if a better mode of dealing with such cases were adopted.

THE NEW YORK STRIKE SITUATION. New York, March 10--Despite sensational reports that organized demonstrations would be made by strikers against the men who have taken their places in the subway and on the elevated lines, which were circulated during the night, no trouble of any kind has occurred to-day. At the same time, it was apparent that the strike against the Interborough Rapid Transit company, which was repudiated yesterday, by the national officers of the organization involved, still continued.

Although the national officers had ordered the strikers to return to work, diligent inquiry along the various lines to-day failed to show that the order had been obeyed. While there was some improvement in the operation of trains on all to-day, the normal standard efficiency of service has not yet approached, though trains are being run at regular and frequent intervals.

MURDER, THE VERDICT.

Coroner's Jury Decides That Mrs Jane L. Stanford Was Intentionally Poisoned With Strchnine.

Honolulu, Mar. 10--The coroner's jury returned a verdict that Mrs. Jane L. Stanford died an unnatural death.

The verdict says that death was due to strychnine poisoning, the poison having been introduced into a bottle of bicarbonate of soda with felonious intent by some person or persons to the jury unknown. The end of the inquest with a positive verdict of murder leaves the police of Honolulu as much without a clue as when Mrs. Stanford died.

High Sheriff Henry said, after the inquest, that it was his opinion that the strychnine was placed in the soda in San Francisco by a member of Mrs. Stanford's household. At the inquest Dr. Shorey testified that the strychnine used as shown by the tests was a strychnine not used generally for medical purposes, but used principally for poisoning animals. This statement is regarded as of possible assistance in tracing the purchase of the strychnine.

The jury returned their verdict after about two minutes' deliberation.

KILLED HIM FOR HIS LIFE INSURANCE.

Cottage Grove, Ogn., March 10--In the mail of the city marshal of this place, yesterday, was a letter purporting to be written by John Fletcher, stating that the writer was tired of life, and had decided to commit suicide, and telling the marshal where to find the body.

The body was found as indicated, with a bullet wound in his head, but alive. Developments tend to show that he was shot by John Branton, who it is said, wrote the letter, the crime being for the purpose, it is alleged, of getting life insurance of \$3,000 payable to Branton, at Fletcher's death.

Branton, while walking along the road, it is claimed, borrowed Fletcher's revolver, on the pretext of wanting to kill a wild animal. He then, according to Fletcher's sworn statement, turned the weapon on the latter.

After having shot Fletcher, Branton tried to induce the wounded man to say that he had shot himself. This Fletcher refused to do, and later swore to an affidavit, charging Branton with the shooting.

True Till Death.

Mukden, March 9, 4 a. m.--Midnight closed the ten days of the titanic struggle for the possession of Mukden and the mastery of a vast empire, the tenth day of unceasing conflict and exploding shrapnel, the roar of cannon and the whistling of bullets, the tenth of succeeding sleepless nights and foodless days. Gray-coated Russians, patient, uncomplaining, strong of soul, clung

permanently affected by a shock. When the falling ice struck with a loud report, almost at their very feet, one of the three leaped in the air, and uttered a pious ejaculation: "Say," he queried in a tone of deep anxiety, "What do you see in the sky over there?"

"I observe the new moon, and Venus and Jupiter close together," replied the other man.

"Do you?" cried the anxious one. "They're all there?"

"Well, then, that's all right," said the questioner. "I seemed to see three of 'em--but I wasn't sure they were there."

Our popular and highly esteemed fellow citizen Mr. James Jones has again been approached by eager friends, and asked to accept the office of building inspector. He still maintains, however, that he will not accept anything more than the salary. Some people may want jobs, but James only wants the dough.

THOUGHT HE HAD 'EM. A gentleman strolling along Prince William street last evening gazed on the motes--heavens and with a sudden

Several men shovelling snow on the streets were caught working again this morning and were severely cautioned by the officials.

Some more snow fell last night. This is encouraging news for the citizens of all classes.

AN ITEM SPOILED. Three well known citizens stood on a corner of Prince William street late yesterday afternoon, when a mass of ice, fully three inches in thickness, was detached from a roof and fell within six feet of them, making a terrific report about struck the sidewalk. The three were within six feet of death, for had the mass struck them on the head, the public today, when going on is too often struck with more or less suspicion, would be reading in the obituary column what the fellows the three were when they were living.

When the Times new reporter joined the group around the rocky trio, he learned how many of different tem-

JURY WILL GET CASE ON MONDAY.

Believed Mrs. Chadwick's Affairs Will Be Under Their Consideration by That Time.

Cleveland, O., March 10--It is probable that the Chadwick case will not be given to the jury until some time on Monday. When court opened today, Judge Taylor asked the counsel on both sides to indicate the time they would require for their arguments. He had no time to limit the time for argument in any way but wished the counsel to reach an agreement of some kind. After a conference, the attorneys declared that they were of the opinion that the arguments would consume more than the two sessions of to-day. Assistant District Attorney Garrety made the opening argument for the government. He spoke for about an hour and a half. He was followed by Mr. Dawley for the defense. The closing argument will be delivered by Judge Wing for Mrs. Chadwick and Attorney Sullivan for the government.

MURDER MYSTERY.

Stamford, Conn., Mar. 10--George Butler, colored, is under arrest pending an investigation by the police of the death of his wife. Early to-day a pistol shot was heard by others in the house, who, in going to the Butler's room, found Butler and his wife in bed. The woman had a bullet wound and died in less than an hour. Butler said that some one had entered and shot his wife, and that he knew nothing of it until awakened by the report of the revolver.

A FOREST TRAGEDY.

Lives Lost in Burning House in the Maine Woods.

Patton, Me., Mar. 10--A woodman's hotel at Sebocus, located in the woods of Northern Penobscot county, about 20 miles from here, was burned during the night and at least one life, that of the young daughter of Luther Hall, who kept the hotel, was lost.

Mr. Hall, unconscious from burns and exposure, is here, having started to summon aid. A woodman discovered him about 10 miles from here, inasmuch as on his sled, his horse making its way toward Patton, slowly.

The woodman brought the team here and Hall was revived long enough to say that his hotel had been burned, that his 8-year old child had perished and that three women employed in the hotel were asleep in the building when he discovered the fire.

After giving this information, Mr. Hall again became unconscious and the doctors say he cannot live. He is terribly burned about the head and body. A party started promptly to go to Sebocus. They cannot get back before night.

The funeral of George Thompson took place this afternoon at 3.30, from his late residence Princess St. Interment took place in Fernhill cemetery.